

Muscoy MAC

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 18, 2008

Council Members Present:

Gloria Dickey Wallace Herbert Vanney Mayberry Laura Baltazar Kay Sanders Daniel Marquez

Absent: Anna Duarte

The meeting was called to order by Councilmember Vanney Mayberry at 7:03 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

San Bernardino County Clerk of the Board, Dena Smith conducted the Installation ceremony of new Council members Laura Baltazar and Daniel Marquez.

MINUTES:

Council Member Gloria Dickey moved to amend the Minutes of the February meeting with corrections. The motion was seconded and all were in favor.

STAFF REPORTS

A. Sheriff's Department – Jason Agrette (909) 387-0337

Deputy Agrette stated there was an investigation regarding sex offenders in the area.

Frances Vasquez reported calls for service on behalf of Sheriff's representative, Kathy Gray

B. California Highway Patrol – Officer Joe Ramos (909) 383-4247

Officer Ramos stated again that there is a \$9,999 State grant available for a Seatbelt challenge. This grant is targeting high schools and asked that we encourage high schools administrators to participate in this grant opportunity.

There are also openings for the Senior Volunteer Program, both for clerical and field positions. Interested persons, please contact the office for an application. A background check is required.

C. Animal Control – John Papp (800) 472-5609

There were 191 complaint calls in January and February, 184 involving animals with 9 enforcements. County Animal Control is in the process of hiring new officers, allowing for four officers to be on shift per day.

D. County Code Enforcement – Code Enforcement Officer, Ignacio Nunez (909) 387-4044

Ms. Vasquez reported later on behalf of Ignacio Nunez.

OLD BUSINESS

Non-Action Items

None

NEW BUSINESS

Action Items

None

Non-Action Items

A. William Evans from Vermont Elementary School discussed the "No Excuses" parent education program and the Vermont Parent University program that they plan to implement in July.

B. On behalf of Supervisor Josie Gonzales, Ms. Vasquez presented a Certificate to former Councilmember Jerry Smith in appreciation for his dedication and service on the Muscoy MAC.

C. On behalf of Supervisor Gonzales, Ms. Vasquez presented a Certificate of Recognition to Mrs. Mary Van Valor for her commitment to providing scholarships to Muscoy youth for over 20 years.

REPORTS

5th District Field Representative – Frances Vasquez

Ms. Vasquez reported that Supervisor Josie Gonzales appreciates the time and effort that citizens take to help make the community a better place for all who live, work and stay in Muscoy. She is grateful for the gift of service MAC members (past and present) have given. Council Member Jerry Smith served the community to the best of his ability, and decided to take a well-deserved break. Jerry was unable to attend last month's meeting to accept his certificate of recognition from the Supervisor and glad to see him here tonight.

We reformatted the approach of conducting the MAC meetings to be respectful to the residents and the MAC members who give up their time to attend these meetings. We are cognizant that many people have children, animals and other responsibilities. Therefore, for their continued cooperation and participation, we will adhere to the three-minute rule for discussions from the audience during the public comment section. People may request to address the MAC by filling out a form from the MAC Secretary, Ms. Frank. She will assist us in managing the allotted time.

Citizens were invited to apply for future service on the Muscoy MAC. We are fortunate to have residents who are willing to step up to the plate in service of their community. For duties and responsibilities please contact Ms. Vasquez at 909 387-4565, or go to the Supervisor's website at www.sbcounty.gov/bosd5.

According to Kathy Gray from the Sheriff's Department, she is not aware of a special reward program for graffiti through the County, but WeTip provides rewards for convictions on any crimes as far as we know. She recommended we invite a Deputy to discuss the Graffiti Multi-Agency Task Force.

Sheriff's Department Statistics for last month:

Total calls for service for February – 712; Total report calls – 104

4 – Malicious Vandalism; 6 – Stolen Vehicles; 7 – Recovered stolen vehicles; 15 – property crimes/commercial, residential and vehicle burglary, identity theft, graffiti, grand and petty theft; 1 – miscellaneous reports; 8 – Crimes against person's, arson, felony spousal abuse, sex crimes, domestic battery, assault w/weapon and injury, obscene phone calls and threats; 25 – Arrests, felony spousal abuse, burglar, resisting officer, drunk in public, possession and under the influence of drugs; 21 – Warrant arrests

Code Enforcement has 122 open cases in Muscoy. The vendor sweeps discussed last month were cancelled due to inclement weather and will be rescheduled. The sweeps will be conducted in conjunction with the County Environmental Health Services. CE is creating a bilingual flyer to address the illegal food vendor issues in Muscoy. The brochure is informative and targets the Spanish-speaking food vendor market. We appreciate CE's problem-solving approach. Through appropriate consumer education, we may reduce the sales to illegal food vendors. When people understand the health hazards involved in consuming at-risk foods, they are less likely to purchase these foodstuffs. CE is developing a public information strategy that will include distribution of flyers at the cleanups, schools, and media public service announcements.

The next community clean up is scheduled for April 19th and 26th at the corner of Macy and Darby Streets next to the fire station. Code Enforcement staff will be participating in the parole sweeps, along with the Sheriff's Department and other agencies.

Public Works will be doing routine maintenance only in Muscoy for the upcoming month. They removed two of the dead trees on Ogden Street with two more remaining to be removed in May/June. The new cross-gutter project is still in the design phase and construction is estimated for Fall 2008. The Board of Supervisors approved the award of the contract for the Vermont Street Sidewalk project on February 5 and is estimated to be completed by March 30, 2008.

Anyone with an e-mail address can automatically receive timely updates on San Bernardino County news, events and services completely free of charge through the county website at www.sbcounty.gov.

Residents who witness illegal dumping in unincorporated communities will be rewarded up to \$1,000 for information that leads to the identification and/or arrest and conviction of an illegal dumper. Citizens may provide information immediately by calling We Tip at: **(800) 78-CRIME** or by submitting information online at www.wetip.com.

Supervisor Gonzales has a community calendar link on her County website: www.sbcounty.gov/bosd5/. She welcomes Fifth District non-profit organizations to submit information on public events for posting on this site.

Residents may call toll-free for **1-877-44-ABATE** for graffiti abatement services. The contract covers all and only properties located within the County 5th District unincorporated areas. The contract will allow the vendor to abate graffiti located on private property with written consent from the property owner.

Tattoo Removal Program - Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. at Arrowhead Regional Medical Center. The clinic is being offered to juveniles 15-18 years old. It is free to juveniles referred by the Probation Dept. Parents/guardians must accompany the youth. For information, contact Bill Woods at **909 580-3216**.

MAC MEMBER REPORTS:

Council Member Gloria Dickey announced that ARMC Volunteers are having their annual Spring/Summer Craft Show May 7th and 8th from 8:00am – 5:00pm at 400 North Pepper Ave. in Colton. For information, email at Rev_GloriaDickey@msn.com. DAS helps people 55 and over who are low-income property owners with help for roof and window repair, etc. Call (909) 885-1219 for more information.

Council Member Wallace Herbert reported that the Group Home Sub-Committee met on March 17 at the home of Council Member Kay Sanders. He was very complimentary on her hospitality and stated that they reviewed charts and materials relating to sex offenders in the community. He expressed concerns regarding the County Supervisor's position on this issue. Ms. Vasquez reiterated the Supervisor's commitment to safe and healthy communities for children. The County's Ordinance in support of "Jessica's Law" was established in Fall 2006 is an effort to protect children and others from sexual predators and includes several new and strengthened provisions to state law. It allows local government to add additional areas for increased protection. The Supervisors allocated \$250,000 to the Sheriff's Crimes Against Children Unit - they are in the process of hiring new staff to monitor sexual offenders, etc.

Council Member Vanney Mayberry reported that the community cleanups are held at the PAL Center parking lot area on Blake Street.

Council Member Dan Marquez reported that Opening-day ceremonies for Blake Little League are April 4th at 11:00am. At Anne Shirrells Park. They worked on cleaning the North field last Saturday. Mr. Marquez expressed concerns regarding the lack of bus stop benches and overhangs.

Public Comments:

Jane Hunt requested that County Trails Committee Coordinator, Jim Canaday address the MAC, in May. She inquired as to how much money Supervisor Gonzales allocated to the Bloomington and Muscoy trails. The Lytle Creek Watershed Project - Cal State received a grant from Cal fed.

Danny Flores suggested that people address the San Bernardino City Unified School District Board of Education to express their concerns regarding parking congestion issues at the schools.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45pm. The next MAC meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2008 at Muscoy Fire Station # 75, 2852 Macy Street.

Submitted by: T. Frank – Muscoy MAC Secretary (909) 387-4565.